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Sixty-first session

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Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

29th meeting

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3. Eradication of poverty and other development issues: Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [57 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.22

[Note: Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.11, A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.12, A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1, A/61/182, A/61/214, A/61/214/Add.1 and A/61/350));

Agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration (A/61/295 and A/61/480)); and

Agenda item 124 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/61/30 and A/60/659))

3–6 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

Sixth Committee

1.15–2.30 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on agenda item 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Draft report on the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea
2. Executive session on the Capital Master Plan
3. Executive session on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal “informal” consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (convened by Mr. Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu Aguirre (Mexico))

At 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Second Committee

Informal “informal” consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind) – Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andres Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Tuesday, 14 November 2006

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, under agenda item 67 (b) (Human Rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

10-11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, under agenda item 65 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room I

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Back of Conference Room I

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the promotion of equitable and mutually respectful dialogue on human rights, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10-11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Cuba)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the inadmissibility of human rights violations through the practice of secret detention and unlawful transfers while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on programme planning, agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room I

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New International Humanitarian Order, under agenda item 41 (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Jordan)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin, under agenda item 43 (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 14 November 2006

Friends of the International Criminal Court (briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

JUSCANZ Group (Third Committee experts)

9-9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: New Partnership for Africa's Development; Agenda 21; eradication of poverty; international migration and development; globalization and interdependence; UN-Habitat; desertification; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; and World Diabetes Day; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council)

1.15-2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

OIC Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the expert level)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Arab Group

5-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Joint UN-IPU Parliamentary Hearing on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit <www.ipu.org>.]

Other activities

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Tuesday, 14 November 2006

Meeting of the Women's International Forum on the topic "Intellectual property, how does it affect us?" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon

Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (to present the Portfolio of Mine Action Projects for 2007)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 26th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

Wednesday, 15 November, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda item 55 (b) (International migration and development)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) – Natural disasters and vulnerability

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 21st meeting on Wednesday, 15 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conferences, in writing, to the Secretary of the Conferences, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Cuba)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the right to development)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 10 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Tapiwa Mongwa, Permanent Mission of Botswana (tel. 1 (212) 889-2277; e-mail mongwat@botsrep.com).]

Other forthcoming activities

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International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty (organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with other United Nations entities and civil society organizations)

Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Donald Lee, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8762; e-mail lee27@un.org); or visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/PovertyForum.]

Presentation of the report of the New York City Bar Association entitled "Thawing a frozen conflict: Legal aspects of the separatist crisis in Moldova" (document A/61/364) and interactive dialogue (convened by the delegation of Moldova and co-sponsored by the GUAM countries, the New York City Bar Association and St. John's University School of Law)

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Special event on the theme "Breaking the cycle of poverty: Challenges and opportunities for the LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLS, under the auspices of the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.20 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Round table on the theme "Interethnic and interreligious accord: Sharing the experience of Kazakhstan", under agenda item 44 of the General Assembly (Culture of peace) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan, with the participation of the Department of Public Information)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rustem Sagindikov, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, ext. 22; e-mail kazakhstan@un.int).]

Special event in commemoration of the seventy-third anniversary of Holodomor (the 1932-33 Great Famine in Ukraine) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. Following the official part, there will be a screening of the award-winning documentary "Harvest of Despair". For further information please contact Mr. Vitaliy Pohribnyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (tel. 1 (212) 759-7003, ext. 115).]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 10 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees**Second Committee**

28th meeting

Eradication of poverty and other development issues [57]

(a) *Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)*

(b) *Industrial development cooperation*

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Malaysia, Thailand, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Jordan, the Russian Federation, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Israel, San Marino, Nepal and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

Groups of countries in special situations [56]

- (a) *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*
- (b) *Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Azerbaijan, Cambodia and Kazakhstan.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [40]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.13/Rev.1

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt, as main sponsor of the draft resolution, in which he announced that Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Africa and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Jordan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 141 to 6, with 6 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Israel; and a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of El Salvador.

After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Norway and Ukraine, which aligned themselves with this statement), the United States, Canada and Moldova.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representative of Kuwait and the observer for Palestine.

The representative of Brunei Darussalam made a statement in connection with her vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 40.

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [52]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.5 and A/C.2/61/L.34

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a technical correction to draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.34.

The Rapporteur made a statement and orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Qatar.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.34, draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.5 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 52.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Benin.

Monday, 13 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

52nd plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations . . . [108]

- (g) *Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/61/L.14)*
- (i) *Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/61/L.8)*
- (m) *Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States: draft resolution (A/61/L.17)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 108 and its sub-items (g), (i) and (m).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.14.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.14 (resolution 61/13).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.8 (resolution 61/12).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.17 (resolution 61/14).

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/79 and A/61/463) . . . [69]

- (a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations*
 - (i) *Letter by the Secretary-General (A/61/550)*
 - (ii) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/85, A/61/87 and A/61/314)*
- (d) *Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/80)*

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries aligning themselves with this statement), Grenada (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ukraine (on behalf of GUAM), the United Arab Emirates, India, Japan, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, the United States, Australia, the Sudan, China, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Belarus, Colombia and Sri Lanka.

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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/79 and A/61/463) [69]

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(ii) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/85, A/61/87 and A/61/314)*

(d) *Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/61/80)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 69 and its sub-items (a) and (d).

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Norway, Zambia, Kuwait, Egypt, Guatemala, Cuba, Argentina, Indonesia, Brazil and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/4 of 16 October 1992, the observer for the International Organization for Migration made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 69 and its sub-items (a) and (d).

Main Committees

Third Committee

45th meeting

Elimination of racial discrimination [65 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.48

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.49

The representative of Belgium introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, Namibia, Pakistan, Serbia and Switzerland.

Andorra, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Guatemala, Nigeria, Timor-Leste and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action [65 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

Right of peoples to self-determination [66]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.46

The representative of Pakistan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Kuwait and Panama.

Nigeria and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.50

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Benin, Botswana, Burundi, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Eritrea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Madagascar, Myanmar, Namibia, Sierra Leone, the Syrian Arab Republic, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

Lesotho, South Africa and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [67 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.19

The representative of Azerbaijan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Fiji, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Qatar, Senegal, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Benin, Cameroon, Honduras and Kenya joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.21

The representative of Peru introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Armenia, Croatia, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Honduras, Kuwait, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Colombia, the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Ghana, Madagascar, Mali, Malawi, Moldova (Republic of), Monaco, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.22

The representative of Rwanda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Ghana, India and Madagascar.

Belarus, Burkina Faso and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.23

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Gabon, India, Kenya, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, South Africa, Yemen and Zambia.

Algeria, Bhutan, Ghana, Nepal and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.24

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Namibia.

Cameroon, Honduras, South Africa and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.26**

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

The Congo and Ethiopia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.27

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Afghanistan, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Benin, Brazil, Burundi, China, the Comoros, the Congo, Croatia, Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Fiji, France, the Gambia, Georgia, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Japan, Kuwait, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova (Republic of), Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, the Niger, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Swaziland, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uruguay and Uzbekistan.

Albania, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Timor-Leste joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.28

The representative of Azerbaijan introduced and revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Cameroon joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.29

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution, also, on behalf of Bangladesh, Benin, Chile, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Morocco, the Niger, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Senegal.

Argentina, Belize, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, the Congo, Ghana and Kyrgyzstan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.33

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.35

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Report of the Human Rights Council [68]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.17

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

The representative of France orally revised the text of the draft resolution and announced that the following countries had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Canada, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Fiji, Guatemala, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Mauritania, Moldova (Republic of), Montenegro, Nicaragua, Panama, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine and Uruguay.

Indonesia and Lesotho also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of China made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States, India, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, New Zealand, Denmark, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Japan and France.

The Chairman made a statement.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Corrigendum

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 49th plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2006/215, p. 14):

The following paragraph:

The representative of Bulgaria made a statement.

should read:

The representative of Bulgaria made a statement on a point of order announcing the withdrawal of its candidature.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 22 December 1995

Acceptance: Slovenia (10 November 2006)¹

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Kenya (13 November 2006)¹

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Hungary (13 November 2006)¹

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone. Gothenburg (Sweden), 30 November 1999

Approval: Hungary (13 November 2006)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006****Opening for signature**

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

The Agreement was open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and will be open, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Namibia

H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:

Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:

Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:

El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:

Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 13 November 2006.

*Symbol**Main title***General Assembly****Official Records****Sixty-first session**

A/61/PV.8 Meeting held on 18 September 2006, 3 p.m. [R]
A/61/PV.9 Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 9 a.m. [F]
A/61/PV.11 Meeting held on 19 September 2006, 3 p.m. [F]
A/61/PV.12 Meeting held on 20 September 2006, 10 a.m. [C]

Disarmament Commission

A/CN.10/PV.272 Meeting held on 11 April 2006, 3 p.m. [R]

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A/61/561 Item 106 (a) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

- A/61/563 Item 106 (c) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/61/564 Item 106 (d) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/61/565 Item 106 (e) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
- A/61/567 Item 151 — Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste — Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste for the period from 25 August 2006 to 31 March 2007 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
- A/61/L.21 Item 74 — Report of the International Criminal Court — Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution [A C E F R S]

First Committee

- A/C.1/61/INF/2 Situation reports of the First Committee on agenda items 82 to 97 — Note by the Secretariat [E (only)]

Second Committee

- A/C.2/61/L.36 Item 59 (a) — Training and research: United Nations University — Belgium, Germany, Ghana, Iceland, Japan, Jordan and Malaysia: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
- A/C.2/61/L.37 Item 56 (a) — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — South Africa: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

- A/C.3/61/6 Item 67 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Letter dated 27 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/61/L.54 Item 41 — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Comoros, Djibouti, Jordan, Lebanon and Pakistan: draft resolution — New international humanitarian order [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

- A/C.5/61/11 Item 122 — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Letter dated 2 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/C.5/61/INF/1* Reissued for technical reasons [E F (bilingual)]

Sixth Committee

- A/C.6/61/L.10/Corr.1 Item 79 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
- A/C.6/61/L.12 Item 128 — Administration of justice at the United Nations — Draft decision [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

- S/2006/10/Add.38 Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]
- S/2006/870 Monthly report of the Secretary-General on Darfur [A C E F R S]
- S/2006/874 Letter dated 8 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council**Documents****Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
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- E/C.2/2007/2/Add.7 Quadrennial reports for the period 2002-2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

- ST/ADM/SER.B/677 Status of contributions as at 30 April 2006 [E F S (only)]

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2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

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Documents A/CONF.208/2006/1, A/CONF.208/2006/2, A/CONF.208/2006/L.1 and
A/61/77-E/2006/59

2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Morning¹–1 p.m. 1st meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber
Document A/CONF.209/2006/L.1

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 1st meeting of the 2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 3

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Morning¹—1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
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 in Côte d'Ivoire (A/61/468 and A/61/551))

¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

11.45 a.m.—1.10 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7
 Informal consultations on agenda item 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.—1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting Conference Room 10
 3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
 Executive session on the comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the
 United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

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**Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a)
 (Oceans and the law of the sea)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

**Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f)
 (Convention on Biological Diversity)**

From 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

**Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of
 the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)
 and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-
 Habitat))**

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1949.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda item 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) – Natural disasters and vulnerability

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, under agenda item 65 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room I

Meeting of the co-sponsors on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, under agenda item 67 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace”, under agenda item 44 (Culture of peace) (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on desertification)

10-11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (briefing by the secretariat of the United Nations University)

11-11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: eradication of poverty; globalization and interdependence; commodities; UN-Habitat; United Nations Environment Programme; International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; El Niño; natural disasters and vulnerability; and World Diabetes Day; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

1.15-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the right to development)

1.15-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

African Group (on Third Committee matters)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Other activities

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Wednesday, 15 November 2006

International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty (organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with other United Nations entities and civil society organizations)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Donald Lee, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8762; e-mail lee27@un.org); or visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/PovertyForum.]

Presentation of the report of the New York City Bar Association entitled "Thawing a frozen conflict: Legal aspects of the separatist crisis in Moldova" (document A/61/364) and interactive dialogue (convened by the delegation of Moldova and co-sponsored by the GUAM countries, the New York City Bar Association and St. John's University School of Law)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon Mr. Christopher Burnham, Under-Secretary-General for Management

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 16 November 2006

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10 a.m.	54th plenary meeting.	General Assembly Hall
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(c)	Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/563)	
(d)	Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/564)	
(e)	Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/565)	
3.	Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/227).	[105 (a)]
4.	Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	[105 (b)]
5.	Election of the members of the International Law Commission.	[105 (c)]
(a)	Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the candidates (A/61/92, A/61/92/Corr.1, A/61/92/Add.1, A/61/92/Add.2 and A/61/92/Add.3)	
(b)	Note by the Secretary-General concerning the consolidated list of candidates (A/61/539)	
(c)	Curriculum vitae (A/61/111, A/61/111/Corr.1, A/61/111/Corr.2 and A/61/111/Add.1)	
6.	Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/107).	[106 (f)]
7.	Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women	[106 (g)]
8.	Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/109)	[106 (h)]

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Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 26th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*, to take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity) — International Year of Biodiversity

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

[Note: Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 16 November 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

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Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Cuba)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community, under agenda item 108 (t) (organized by the delegation of Lesotho, on behalf of SADC)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Fifth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday and Tuesday, 20 and 21 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3185).]

Informal consultations on agenda item 10 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Tapiwa Mongwa, Permanent Mission of Botswana (tel. 1 (212) 889-2277; e-mail mongwat@botsrep.com).]

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming activities

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Briefing on the report, entitled "Failure to protect: A call for the United Nations Security Council to Act in North Korea", with its sponsors (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Ali Dolakova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (tel. 1 (917) 855-1015).]

Special event on the theme "Breaking the cycle of poverty: Challenges and opportunities for the LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLS, under the auspices of the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.20 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Round table on the theme "Interethnic and interreligious accord: Sharing the experience of Kazakhstan", under agenda item 44 of the General Assembly (Culture of peace) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan, with the participation of the Department of Public Information)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rustem Sagindikov, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, ext. 22; e-mail kazakhstan@un.int).]

Special United Nations Tribute to the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Prof. Muhammed Yunus (organized by UN-OHRLS)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Kirungi, UN-OHRLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-3431; e-mail kirungi@un.org).]

Briefing on "Enhancing global public health — Ensuring a safer world" (organized by the World Health Organization, in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO, New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail bailey@un.org).]

Special event in commemoration of the seventy-third anniversary of Holodomor (the 1932-33 Great Famine in Ukraine) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. Following the official part, there will be a screening of the award-winning documentary "Harvest of Despair". For further information please contact Mr. Vitaliy Pohribnyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (tel. 1 (212) 759-7003, ext. 115).]

Panel discussion on "Environmental governance: Key issues and perspectives" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unnogcsd@gmail.com).]

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Groups of countries in special situations [56]

- (a) *Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*
- (b) *Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Togo, Kuwait, Nepal, Cape Verde, Qatar, Ethiopia, Uganda, Turkey, Eritrea and Guinea.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.35 and A/C.2/61/L.37

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.37, under sub-item 56 (a), and draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.35, under sub-item 56 (b).

Training and research [59]

- (a) *United Nations University*
- (b) *United Nations Institute for Training and Research*

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Rector of the United Nations University and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

The question-time ensued and comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of Estonia and Kenya, to which the Rector of the United Nations University and Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research responded.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iceland, Nigeria, Japan and Turkey.

The Executive Director of UNITAR made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.36

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [57 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.22

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Procès-verbal of rectification to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. New York, 10 November 2006

*Corrections proposed by Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan to Annex I of the Agreement: (10 November 2006)*¹

Procès-verbal of rectification of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. New York, 10 November 2006

*Corrections to Article 17 of the Chinese text of the Agreement: (10 November 2006)*¹

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

*Ratification: Lebanon (13 November 2006)*¹

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

*Ratification: Lebanon (13 November 2006)*¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Thailand (14 November 2006)¹

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Lebanon (13 November 2006)¹

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Accession: Lebanon (13 November 2006)¹

Treaty event

**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006**

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

The Agreement was open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and will be open, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Namibia

H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:

Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:

Bulgaria

H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:

El Salvador

H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:

Luxembourg

H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Item 98 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Revised draft resolution submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations — United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders [A C E F R S]

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Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: revised draft resolution — Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism [A C E F R S]

- A/C.3/61/L.55 Item 41 — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Azerbaijan, Luxembourg, Namibia and Sweden: draft resolution — Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/61/L.56 Items 117 and 67 (c) — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.38 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/61/L.57 Item 68 — Report of the Human Rights Council — Namibia: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18 — Working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 [A C E F R S]

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- S/2006/703 Letter dated 29 August 2006 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- A/60/1002-S/2006/718 Letter dated 1 August 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- S/2006/802 Letter dated 12 October 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2006/876 Letter dated 9 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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- E/C.2/2007/2/Add.9 Quadrennial reports for the period 2002-2005 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Haiti

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General Assembly

Tenth emergency special session (resumed)

The resumed tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 17 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 8).



- (d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/564)
- (e) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/565)
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 - (c) Curriculum vitae (A/61/111, A/61/111/Corr.1, A/61/111/Corr.2 and A/61/111/Add.1)
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- 1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions. [41]
 - Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.54 and A/C.3/61/L.55*
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- 3. Report of the Human Rights Council [68]
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7. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . [67 (c)]

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10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Renovation to the Secretary-General's residence: revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/61/377 and A/61/523)); and 126 (United Nations pension system (A/61/9, A/C.5/61/2 and A/61/545))

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4.30–6 p.m. 22nd meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [79]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.10 and A/C.6/61/L.10/Corr.1

The rule of law at the national and international levels [80]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.18

Administration of justice at the United Nations [128]

Introduction of and action on draft decision A/C.6/61/L.12

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
 3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Environment Programme
2. Executive session on the comprehensive review of governance and oversight within the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialized agencies

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity) — International Year of Biodiversity

From 12.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, (Angola) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Naoko Yamamoto (Japan), under agenda item 59 (a) (Training and research: United Nations University)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Khaled El-Bakly (Egypt), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development) — International Year on Sanitation

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Thursday, 16 November 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, under agenda item 65 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the inadmissibility of human rights violations through the practice of secret detention and unlawful transfers while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community, under agenda item 108 (t) (organized by the delegation of Lesotho, on behalf of SADC)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Thursday, 16 November 2006

JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

9.15–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: debt; United Nations University; corrupt practices; commodities; UN-Habitat; United Nations Environment Programme; Convention on Biological Diversity; and international migration and development; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution under agenda item 65 (b) (Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action))

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Thursday, 16 November 2006

International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty (organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with other United Nations entities and civil society organizations)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Donald Lee, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8762; e-mail lee27@un.org); or visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/PovertyForum.]

Open briefing on the report on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea — Failure to protect (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

From 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Ali Dolakova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (tel. 1 (917) 855-1015).]

Special event on the theme “Breaking the cycle of poverty: Challenges and opportunities for the LDCs” (organized by UN-OHRLLS, under the auspices of the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty)

From 3 to 4.20 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 16 November 2006

Room S-226

- 12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman
- 3 p.m. Prof. Nicholas Negroponte, Chairman of One Laptop per Child; Mr. Iqbal Quadir, Co-founder of Grameen Phone; Prof. Pedro Sánchez, Director of the Millennium Villages Project; and Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (on novel ways to combat poverty)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 17 November 2006

General Assembly

Tenth emergency special session (resumed)

- 10 a.m. 28th plenary meeting. General Assembly Hall
- Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.19) [5]

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission

College of Commissioners

Twenty-fourth session

The twenty-fourth session of the College of Commissioners of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established under Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 20 and 21 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 26th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), scheduled for Friday, 17 November 2006, has been postponed to *Tuesday, 21 November*, and will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a conference room to be announced. The Committee will take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda item 55 (b) (International migration and development)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Facilitator, Mr. Khaled El-Bakly (Egypt), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development) — International Year on Sanitation

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Naoko Yamamoto (Japan), under agenda item 59 (a) (Training and research: United Nations University)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Friday, 24 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a)
(Globalization and interdependence)**

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[*Note: Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).*]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 22nd meeting on Friday, 17 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly**Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities****Drafting Committee**

The Drafting Committee of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will hold an informal meeting (closed) on Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Facilitating informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, under agenda item 65 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Cuba)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1; and

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Upcoming meetings

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Fifth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday and Tuesday, 20 and 21 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3185).]

Informal consultations on agenda item 10 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Tapiwa Mongwa, Permanent Mission of Botswana (tel. 1 (212) 889-2277; e-mail mongwat@botsrep.com).]

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming activities

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Round table on the theme "Interethnic and interreligious accord: Sharing the experience of Kazakhstan", under agenda item 44 of the General Assembly (Culture of peace) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan, with the participation of the Department of Public Information)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rustem Sagindikov, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, ext. 22; e-mail kazakhstan@un.int).]

Special United Nations Tribute to the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Prof. Muhammed Yunus, to be presided over by the President of the General Assembly (organized by UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 17 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Kirungi, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-3431; e-mail kirungi@un.org).]

Briefing on "Enhancing global public health — Ensuring a safer world" (organized by the World Health Organization, in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 20 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO, New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail bailey@un.org).]

Special event in commemoration of the seventy-third anniversary of Holodomor (the 1932-33 Great Famine in Ukraine) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Tuesday, 21 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. Following the official part, there will be a screening of the award-winning documentary "Harvest of Despair". For further information please contact Mr. Vitaliy Pohribnyi, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (tel. 1 (212) 759-7003, ext. 115).]

Panel discussion on "Environmental governance: Key issues and perspectives" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com).]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 15 November 2006

General Assembly

2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

**2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the
United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme**

Opening of the Pledging Conferences

The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, called to order the 2006 Pledging Conferences and read out a statement, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Election of the President

The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs invited the members to proceed to the election of the President.

H.E. Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie (Indonesia) was elected, by acclamation, as President of the 2006 Pledging Conferences.

The President addressed the Conferences.

Election of Vice-Presidents

H.E. Mr. Kaire Mbuende (Namibia) and Mr. Ivan Piperkov (Bulgaria) were elected as Vice-Presidents of the 2006 Pledging Conferences.

2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities**1st meeting**

The President opened the 2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

Statements of pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by the representatives of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Luxembourg, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Thailand, Israel, India, Morocco, Singapore, Kuwait, Bahrain, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, South Africa, Bhutan, Myanmar, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Viet Nam, Honduras, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Grenada and Jamaica.

The Secretary made a statement.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report, as contained in document A/CONF.208/2006/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Director of the Division for Resource Mobilization, United Nations Development Programme, made a concluding statement, on behalf of the Administrator.

The Chief, Resource Mobilization Branch, United Nations Population Fund, made a concluding statement, on behalf of the Executive Director.

The Senior Programme Funding Officer, Programme Funding Office, United Nations Children's Fund, made a concluding statement on behalf of the Executive Director.

The President declared the 2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

1st meeting

The President opened the 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report, as contained in document A/CONF.209/2006/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Director, Change Management, Office of the Executive Director, World Food Programme, made a concluding statement, on behalf of the Executive Director.

The President made concluding remarks and declared the 2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme closed.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

21st meeting

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire [134]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/468).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/551).

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina), Japan and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item at this stage.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 15 November, following the adjournment of the formal in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Rodrigo Yáñez Pilgrim (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela).

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [119]

The committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman then drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 2 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.5/61/11), under agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

The Agreement was open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and will be open, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from today, 16 November 2006, until 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Namibia

H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:

Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:

Bulgaria

H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:

El Salvador

H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:

Luxembourg

H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
General Assembly	Documents
	Sixty-first session
A/61/570-S/2006/883	Item 100 — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 10 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/571-S/2006/884	Items 13, 14 and 100 — The situation in the Middle East -- Question of Palestine — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 10 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

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